

## Our God is Able to Deliver Us Dan. 3:1-25

### Introduction:

One of the great themes of this book is that God will take care of His people. This theme starts at the beginning of the book and goes all the way to the end.

### I. God is going to take care of His people.

- A. Notice the times throughout this book that God takes care of His people
  - 1. **Ch. 1:** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego and Daniel have health while eating only vegetables and not the kings' meat.
  - 2. **Ch. 2:** Daniel interprets King Nebuchadnezzar's dream when the king was killing those who could not interpret it.
  - 3. **Ch. 4:** King Nebuchadnezzar has another dream and Daniel interprets it and has great favor in the eyes of the king.
  - 4. **Ch. 5:** Daniel interprets a dream for King Belshazzar and is made 3<sup>rd</sup> in command of the country.
  - 5. **Ch. 6:** Daniel is thrown into the loins' den for praying to God and is not harmed.
  - 6. **Ch. 9-12:** Daniel prays to God and God spends the majority of these chapters in talking about the deliverance that He is promising for His people.
  - 7. This book is one of great deliverance.
- B. In this lesson, we will look at the great deliverance that God provides Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego.

### II. Notice the details of the story that we have in Daniel 3.

- A. There was a command that was issued by Nebuchadnezzar (**3:1-7**).
  - 1. The king set up a statue in the midst of all the people (**3:1**).
    - a. This statue was 60 cubits (90 feet) tall and 6 cubits (9 feet) wide.
    - b. Its height was equivalent to an 8 or 9 story building.
  - 2. When the instruments were played, the people were to bow down and worship this statue (**3:4-6**).
    - a. Everyone who could hear the music was commanded to stop what they were doing and worship this idol.
    - b. The punishment for not worshiping this statue was to be thrown into the fiery furnace.
- B. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego disobeyed the kings' command (**3:8-18**).
  - 1. The report comes to Nebuchadnezzar that these three men are not worshiping the statue (**3:8-12**).
  - 2. The king was furious with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego (**3:13**).
  - 3. The king gave them one more chance to bow down to the idol before he would cast them into the fiery furnace (**3:14-15**).
  - 4. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego say that they will never serve the gods of Nebuchadnezzar, nor will they worship the golden image that he had set up (**3:16-18**).

5. We will come back later to the words of these men.
- C. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego were punished because of their disobedience to the king (3:19-23).
  1. Nebuchadnezzar was still furious with these men, and ordered the fiery furnace to be heated seven times what it was normally heated (3:19).
  2. The fire was so hot that it killed the men who took them to the furnace (3:22).
- D. God delivered them because they were faithful (3:24-25).
  1. This was certainly a miracle on the part of God.
    - a. The clothes that they were wearing should have been easily engulfed in flames (3:21).
    - b. God was taking care of His people.
  2. When Nebuchadnezzar looked in to the furnace, he noticed the appearance of 4 men, not 3 (3:24-25).
    - a. He saw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego walking (remember, they had been bound) in the furnace (3:25).
    - b. Nebuchadnezzar says that the fourth was "like the Son of God" or "the sons of gods" (3:25).
    - c. Either way, he obviously knew that this was a miracle.

### III. The main lesson that we can gather from this story is that God is able to deliver us.

- A. Notice what Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego say to the king.
  1. Dan. 3:16-18
  2. They understood that God was able to deliver them whether He chose to or not.
  3. We can learn a great lesson from this story in Daniel 3.
- B. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we must always remember that God is able to deliver us.
  1. God is able deliver us out of the temptations of this life.
    - a. II Pet. 2:4-9
    - b. I Cor. 10:13 - No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.
  2. God is able to deliver us out of the trials that we face.
    - a. No matter what is happening to us, we know that God will be there to comfort us.
    - b. II Cor. 1:3-4 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, {4} who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.
    - c. Heb. 13:5-6 - For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." {6} So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"
  3. God is able to provide for us the things that we need in this life.

- a. **Mt. 6:33** - But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
  - b. **II Pet. 1:3** - as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,
4. God is able to provide for us a home in heaven.
- a. **I Pet. 1:3-4** - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, {4} to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,
  - b. **John 14:2-3** - I go to prepare a place for you. {3} And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

Conclusion:

God is, and always has been, able to deliver His people. He has promised to take care of us and our needs. All we have to do is be faithful to Him. Today, are you faithful to Him?